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School Committee
Favors Referendum

The Manitowoc County School Committee has unanimously endorsed the proposal of the State Commission on the Improvement of Education that all reorganization plans be submitted to the voters for approval or rejection. The members of the Manitowoc County Committee have favored this method from the time that the committee was first elected, but under the provisions of the school reorganization law passed by the 1947 legislature referendum was not specified. The 1949 legislature will have up for consideration the state commission's proposal to submit all reorganization plans to the voters of the areas affected.

The County Committee has developed a plan to place all of Manitowoc County in administrative units centered around existing high schools within and just outside of the county. They have assembled statistical information and facts for only two of the proposed administrative units around Two Rivers and Mishicot, but in both cases the Committee has not used the authority given them to issue orders for reorganization.

The proposed Two Rivers administrative unit, composed of the city of Two Rivers and the towns of Two Creeks and Two Rivers was the first to receive study and consideration by the committee. After assembling facts, holding hearings, and weighing the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed district, the committee in the fall of 1948 decided to wait until the 1949 legislature would iron out certain technicalities as well as give the voters the right to approve or reject the school committee's plans.

Since November 1948, the County Committee has been diligently studying the proposed Mishicot administrative unit tentatively made up of the towns of Mishicot, Gibson, and Kossuth. This area is now administered by 22 separate school district boards. The school and town board members met with the County School Committee at Mishicot on December 13th to hear and discuss the proposed plan for one administrative board caring for the educational needs of the pupils from kindergarten through the high school.

To bring the reorganization facts to the voters, the County School Committee has volunteered to discuss the proposed plans at individual district meetings. Thus far the school boards of Gibson 1 and Jt. 3 and Mishicot Jt. 1 - 2 - 7 districts have called meetings for the purpose of having the School Committee present their reorganization plans. At all of these meetings committee members have been emphatic in their statement that the present rural schools could continue to operate under the reorganization plan subject to the schoolboard that would be elected by the people in the reorganized district and that the committee very definitely favors the idea that their plans be submitted to a vote of the people.

40.21 (6): Pupils Remote From School.

In case children of school age reside more than two and one-half miles from the schoolhouse in the home district, and one-half mile nearer another public school, and transportation is not provided by the home district, such children may attend the nearer school if the facilities for seating and instruction will permit.

40.34 (1): Transportation, Board, Lodging.

(1) School Transportation: The school district meeting may authorize the board to provide transportation for all the children of school age residing in the district and enrolled in the elementary grades. The board may provide transportation to and from school for all school children residing in the district and over 2½ miles from the schoolhouse, in case of a common school and 4 miles in case of a union high school, on its own order, by any of the following methods:

a. By contract with a common carrier.

(2) Suspended School: The board of any district whichhas suspended school shall pay the tuition of all children of school age residing in the district who attend other district schools and of all children who are of less than one-quarter Indian blood of school age residing in the district who attend federal schools within this state, the courses of study of which have been approved by the state superintendent of public instruction and over which the state superintendnet and the county superintendent are granted joint supervision and diploma-granting powers with the federal supervisors during such suspension, and shall provide transportation to and from school for all children residing more than 2 miles from the nearest district school or federal school which they may attend.

40.87 (4)(f) Common school equalization aid:

(f) Provisions by a school district with average daily attendance of 10 or less for the transportation of its pupils to some other district as prescribed by law shall not entitle the former to share in the transportation aid as though such district had maintained a school.

January 15, 1949

The first of the district meetings to be held in the proposed Mishicot Administrative Unit was held at the Jefferson School, Mishicot number 2, on the evening of January 14, 1949. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by district clerk, Bernhard Schwake. He stated the reason for this meeting to the twenty voters present. He then introduced County Superintendent Joseph J. Rappel and he in turn presented the objectives, plans, and proposed actions of the County School Committee. He then introduced the members of the County School Committee who were present. They were chairman, Wm. Kappelman and vice chairman, Mrs. L. L. C. Schmidt. These two members were delegated to attend this district meeting by the County School Committee at its last general meeting, and so these two members are to be paid mileage and per diem.

The movie "The Little Schoolhouse in the Red" was then shown after which chairman, Wm. Kappelman discussed the proposed Mishicot School District Reorganization plans and statistics as given in a brochure prepared by the secretary for the committee members. A most interesting and free discussion was carried on in presenting the facts and statistics pertinent to the proposed Administrative Unit.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P. M. with the feeling that the assembled voters had a much better understanding of the task of the County School Committee and the educational needs for the Mishicot community, both in the elementary and secondary schools.

Signed,

Secretary of the County
School Committee

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Mishicot Nos. 2 and 5
Estimated School Costs 1949-1950

Plan 1

No. 2

Operatin School:

Teacher's salary at $250 =	$2250
Fuel, Light, Texts, Etc.=	750
	3000
Less aids	500
Tax to be raised	2500

Dist. $.01302
Assessed = $192,000 | $2500.00
Val
or a tax rate of $13.02
Per thousand

No. 5

Operating Costs Own District:

Teacher's salary $235 =	$2115
Fuel, Light, Texts, Etc	750
	$2865
Less aids	500
Tax to be raised	$2365

Dist. Assessed $ .01020
Valuation $231,400 | $2365.00

or a tax rate of $10.20
per thousand

Plan 2 Suspended-Mish. 2:

Tuition $100 x 13 children=	$1300
Transportation =	800
School up keep =	100
Tax to be raised	$2200

Dist Assessed $ .01145
Val. $192,000 | $2200.00

or a tax rate of about $11.45
per M.

Plan 2 Accepting Dist 2 Pupils as Tuition Pupils:

Teacher's salary $275=	$2475
Fuel, Texts, Etc. =	850
	$3325
Less Tuition from No.2=	1300
	$2025
Less State And Co. aid =	500
Tax to be raised	$1525

Dist Assessed $.00659
Val $231,400 | $1525.00
or a tax rate of about
$6.59 per M.

Plan 3 Operating Costs Consolidation of Dist No. 2 and 5

Teacher's salary at $275 =	$2475
Fuel, Texts, Etc. =	850
Transportation for 13 children=	900
	$4225
Less State and Co. Aid	500
Tax to be raised =	$3725

Combined District $ .00880
Assessed Valuation $423,380 | $3725.000

or a tax rate of about $8.80 per thousand